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Tipoff in Moscow

Some Kremlinologists see more than a literary quarrel in Pravda's attack on Izvestia last week. (The Communist Party newspaper rapped the government daily for the tone of its literary criticism.) Western experts point out that open disputes between the two in the past were indicators of major changes of leadership in the Kremlin. A similar exchange in 1954, for instance—about heavy vs. light industry—signaled the downfall of Premier Georgi Malenkov.

Ambassador Bennett Moves On

W. Tapley Bennett, the U.S. Ambassador in Santo Domingo, will move to a new post once the island calms down. The job is not yet known but insiders say it will be an important one. Reason: though Bennett drew strong criticism in many quarters during the early days of the Dominican crisis, his stock stayed high where it counts—in the White House.

INSIDE STORY

The U.S. Stake in Pakistan

Pakistan is the Pentagon's No. 1 worry in the new Asian fighting. Reason: the Peshawar air base, which has served as a nest for U-2 spy planes and a key post for monitoring Soviet and Red Chinese radio and missile activities.

The Kremlin's 007

Rudolf Abel, the Soviet master spy swapped three years ago for U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers, is looking more and more like Russia's answer to James Bond. Two magazines and a newspaper have told the story of his exploits in the U.S., and now the word is that Abel is working on a book, with a movie in the offing.

AHEAD OF THE NEWS

Silencing Hanoi's Missiles

U.S. bombers have made several unannounced—and effective—strikes against anti-aircraft missile sites around Hanoi. The attacks have been only against mobile launching positions for the Soviet missiles, in the outer defenses of the North Vietnamese capital. The fixed bases constituting the inner defenses of Hanoi have not been targets.

Hide and Seek

The Navy is using an old trick as a new way to keep those Russian "fishing trawlers" guessing about movements of the U.S. Polaris submarine fleet. Whenever the trawlers are spotted, the nuclear subs mask their registry numbers, making it that much harder for Soviet watchers to keep tabs on individual sub movements.